



# GOVERNOR'S ECONOMIC RECOVERY ADVISORY BOARD

## Expanding Iowa's Workforce Working Group

Economic Recovery Advisory Board

Working Group Weekly Progress Report

Please submit your report to [Joel Anderson](#) each Friday by 1:00 p.m. for distribution to the Economic Recovery Advisory Board.

Working Group: **Expanding Iowa's Workforce**

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### Working Group accomplishments/progress since last submitted report:

A large group meeting was held on July 15<sup>th</sup>. We had three breakout sessions during the meeting so that all members could participate in a brainstorming session within each of the three subcommittees – attraction and retention, labor participation and workforce training. We then summarized the ideas into one document including our initial kick off meeting. In the third session of the afternoon, each member returned to the group they will be working on moving forward. Each group discussed what kind of data and information the group would need to further develop their ideas. We have scheduled a two hour follow up meeting for each subcommittee to give them two hours to review the bold ideas, develop the ideas more completely, reduce duplications and assign responsibility for the work being done by each subcommittee in overlapping areas. The summary was provided as our homework assignment to the Advisory Council after the meeting.

We have also scheduled a meeting with all of the directors currently leading other work groups with the purpose of discussion cross-over and collaboration to better identify what group will work on each aspect of overlapping issues. This meeting is scheduled for July 21<sup>st</sup>.



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**Working Group's current areas of focus, research, or activity. Also report any obstacles or issues:**

We are focused on more fully developing our bold ideas within each subcommittee so that we can then begin to prioritize while insuring that we have reviewed the correct data to develop our recommendations.

**Working Group goals and actions for the coming week or weeks:**

Studying, understanding and researching the various program areas that relate to our bold ideas.  
Collaborating with other groups to avoid duplication of effort and ensure not gaps exist.

**Progress toward next meeting's milestone:** ☐ Ahead of Schedule | ☒ On Schedule | ☐ Behind Schedule

**Comments on progress or additional information to share with the advisory board (optional):**

